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DESOTO PATROL - GULF OF TONKIN ~~(C)~~

A. MY 032353Z

B. YOUR 7506 DTG 221930Z JUL

C. CINCPACFLT 140203Z JUL

1. CINCPAC VIEW OF ATTACK UPON CURRENT DESOTO PATROL AND
FORCED RETIREMENT DUE TO TYPHOON IDA, RECOMMEND ANOTHER FULL
SCALE DESOTO COMMENCE ABOUT 12 AUG AND REMAIN IN GULF OF
TONKIN FOR FIVE DAYS.

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2. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY JRC IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMDESDIV "2 IN HENRY W. TUCKER (DD875) WITH
ADDITIONAL DD TO BE DESIGNATED.

B. DZPART SUBIC ON D-DAY (TENTATIVELY 10 AUG).

C. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

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D-DAY - DEPART SUBIC.

D PLUS ONE - UNDER VICINITY 10N 110E

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FOXTROT AND GOLF.

HOTEL, INDIA AND JULIET.

LIMA AND ALFA. WITHDRAW FROM GULF OF TONKIN AND TERMINATE

D. TO BE DETERMINED.

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BRAVO 18-14N 106-36E

DELTA 19-46N 106-12E

LFOXTROT 28-36N 107-25E

GOLF 20-08N 106-46E

HOTEL 19-29N 106-01 E

INDIA 18-53N 106-01E

JULIET 18-36N 106-06E

KILO 18-04N 106-51E

LIMA 17-36N 106-49E

4. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY DESIRED IN CARRYING OUT MARITIME AND INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES OF PATROL, DESOTO COMMANDER WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT RANDOM PATROL AT MODERATE SPEEDS ALONG DESIGNATED SEGMENT OF TRACK EACH DAY. PATROL GROUP WILL COMMENCE COASTAL PATROL DAILY ONE HOUR AFTER SUNRISE, RETIRING TO SEAWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNSET AND DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY.

5. PATROL GROUP WILL REMAIN AT LEAST ELEVEN MILES OFF NVN

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MAINLAND AND FOUR MILES OFF NVN ISLANDS THROUGHOUT PATROL EXCEPT AS DISCUSSED IN PARA 8 FOLLOWING.

6. AIR COVER WILL BE PROVIDED BY YANKEE TEAM CVA.

7. DESOTO COMMANDER WILL BE UNDER OPCON OF CTG 77.

IN CVA FOR THIS PATROL

8. IN EVENT OF HOSTILE ATTACK, PATROL SHIP AND AIRCRAFT WILL BE DIRECTED TO FIRE ON ATTACKER WITH OBJECTIVE OF INSURING

DESTRUCTION. REQUEST PATROL SHIPS BE AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE ENEMY

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